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Upcoming Events

May 11

Next Week, school for students of Key Workers will take place at St. Anthony's. Students are to access the school via the Thornhill Terrace entrance.

Well Being

To all in our community,

These challenging times continue to throw up countless hurdles. At present, the constant media frenzy over the potential reopening of schools helps no one. I have still received no official communication about reopening St. Aidan's, so please try and not to let the media reports worry you. Instead, use this historic week to reflect on the ending of World War Two in Europe as it brings our current crisis into sharp focus. Britain stood up to tyranny during the 1940's and prevailed. We are prevailing against this disease and our community has played a vital role in this success – not just our brilliant NHS staff and key worker colleagues, but through everyone thinking about our most vulnerable family, friends and neighbours and being the face of Christ for them. Thank you and stay safe.

Glenn Sanderson

Family Activities

1. Recreate a scene

A mini challenge that families could do at home is to re-create a scene from a favourite family book and then post this on Twitter and tag us in.

2. Start the couch to 5k

NHS Couch to 5K will help you gradually work up towards running 5K in just 9 weeks. Learning to run is known to help develop patience, persistence and overcoming obstacles.

Breakfree
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Lord,

You made me in your image and likeness to be a steward of your creation. I embrace the gifts you have given me and vow to use them today to serve you and others through the work that I do. Bless my work, Lord.
Amen

Chaplaincy

This week we celebrated the Feast of Edmund Rice, who devoted his life to education for the poor. May is the month of Blessed Virgin Mary. These Bible quotes will help you through the day, but I also bring Mary, the Mother of God to your attention to lean on at difficult times.

Sunday 10th of May

"Do not let your hearts be troubled." *John 14:1*

Monday 11th of May

"But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you." *John 14:26*

Tuesday 12th of May

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you." *John 14:27*

Wednesday 13th of May

"You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you." *John 15:3*

Thursday 14th of May

"Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends." *John 15:13*

During world book day firefighters shared this Bible passage as the one that inspires them the most in their work. I pray every day to keep them safe.

Friday 15th of May

"I will praise you, Lord, among the nations; I will sing of you among the peoples. For great is your love, reaching to the heavens; your faithfulness reaches to the skies." *Psalms 57:9-10*

Saturday 16th of May

"Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God." *Colossians 3:1*



foodbank **ST. AIDAN'S CATHOLIC ACADEMY FOOD BANK** WE ALL HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO PLAY A PART IN ENDING HUNGER AND POVERTY IN THE UK

HOW DOES OUR FOODBANK WORK?
Food donations are given by members of the St. Aidan's community to our Food Bank. Then we open the Food Bank at key times to allow vulnerable families to come and access essential items.

SHOPPING LIST:
Sugar (200g)
Long life fruit juice
Tin of soup
Pasta Sauce
Spagetti (500g)
Tinned Tomatoes
Breakfast Cereals
Tea/Coffee
Rice (500g)
Pasta (500g)
Tinned meat/fish
Jam
Packets of biscuits
snacks

WHY DO WE DO THIS?
One of our Core Values is FAIRNESS. Jesus taught that we must love our neighbour.

COME IF WE'RE OPEN **HUNGER LIVES NEXT DOOR**

WHO USES FOODBANKS?
PEOPLE ARE BEING PUSHED INTO POVERTY BECAUSE THERE ISN'T ENOUGH MONEY COMING IN TO COVER THE COSTS OF ESSENTIALS

IN THE NORTH EAST OF ENGLAND IN 2018/2019 FOOD BANKS WERE USED BY:
55,713 ADULTS 32,095 CHILDREN

IN SUNDERLAND 30%
OF CHILDREN LIVE IN POVERTY. THIS MEANS THAT THEY LIVE IN HOUSEHOLDS WHICH HAD SIXTY-SEVEN PERCENT LESS MONEY COMING IN THAN THE AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD.

Good Luck!!

Today Ms. Harrison goes off on maternity leave. She is an integral part of our school. We will miss her smile and the students will miss the help and support she gives them on a daily basis. Enjoy your special time with your new baby and family and we will look forward to seeing you soon.

MFL Competition:

<https://linguacuisine.com/linguachef/>

Deadline June 15th

VE Day Celebrations



Get Involved

On Friday 8th May 2020, the St Aidan's Virtual Choir will team up with other Bishop Chadwick Trust colleagues to mark the supreme sacrifice made by the men and women of Britain during the Second World War. For many of our older family members and residents remember it as a day of liberation, hope and peace. But, many of those same people are struggling to find that hope today.

Below is part of the iconic, We'll Meet Again song that Dame Vera Lynn sung for the troops during the 1940's. It would be great if at some point tomorrow we all could sing the lines attached to acknowledge the generation who fought for our freedom during the Second World War and despite the lockdown, show our gratitude to those who have gone before us and allowed us to enjoy the freedom we do today.

We'll meet again, don't know where, don't know when

But I know we'll meet again some sunny day.

Keep smiling through, just like you always do,

'Till the blue skies drive the dark clouds far away.

So will you please say hello to the folks that I know, tell them I won't be long.

They'll be happy to know, that as you saw me go, I was singing this song.

We'll meet again, don't know where don't know when

But I know we'll meet again some sunny day

Opportunities to continue climbing our personal mountain.

Upcoming ResearchEd Webinars

11/05/20: Rob Coe

Evidence based research in education

12/05/20: Carly Waterman

Love and knowledge in leadership

13/05/20: Ben White

'You should know this!'

14/05/20: Lauren Bellaera

Understanding and teaching critical thinking: A cognitive perspective

15/05/20: Jen Barker and Tom Rees

What is expert school leadership and how might we develop it?

[Full calendar and webinar links](#)

Curriculum

Mary Myatt:

Several staff have been to see Mary Myatt and her training programme. Due to Covid19, the most recent training was conducted online and we are lucky enough to have had this shared with us. It's well worth a **watch**.

The password and accompanying materials have been shared by email.

Careers in the curriculum:

Success at School – Linking your subject to Careers

[Success at schools](#)

“Once you learn to read, you will forever be free” –
Frederick Douglass.

Parents – resources to support you and your family at home:

1. [BBC Bitesize and Bitesize Daily](#)
2. [The Day](#)
3. [For Year 11 and 12 - EtonX](#)
4. [Oak National Academy Resources](#)
5. [Renaissance Reading Y7-9](#)
6. [Speakers for schools](#)

Northern Celebration of education – 19th to 22nd May 2020

Due to Covid-19, CelebrateEd - the Northern Celebration of Education 2020 has been transformed into a series of online events taking place over four days.

Celebrate and showcase the best in education practice across the North of England in a practitioner – led virtual space where you will be enthused and energised.

[Register your place](#) using your school email

Longer reads:

Educational:

1. *The Curriculum – Gallimaufry to coherence* – Mary Myatt
2. *Closing the Vocabulary Gap* – Alex Quigley
3. *Why Don't Students Like School?* – Daniel Willingham
4. *The Advantage* - Patrick Lencioni
5. *Teaching WalkThrus* – Caviglioli & Sherrington

Staff picks:

6. *The Long Walk to Freedom* by Nelson Mandela
7. *The Mayor of Casterbridge* by Thomas Hardy
8. *The Family Upstairs* by Lisa Jewell
9. *Where the Light Gets In* by Lucy Dillon
- 10 *The Fear Bubble* by Ant Middleton